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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 20, 2005, with a statutory period of response of December 20, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months) is attached hereto which if granted will extend the period of response to March 20, 2006.

Please amend the case as listed below.